

City of Cambridge Community Development Department

Update Notes

March 2022





Notes

- City staff did not present updates during the March 2022 meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee.
- In place of an update presentation, you will find updates on TAC, MBTA, and city initiatives since the February 2022 meeting.



TAC Updates



TAC Subcommittees

Two committees suggested

- Infrastructure + Planning
- Outreach + Engagement

Survey sent to TAC members – Members, please fill out the survey as soon as possible



TAC Election

Chair

The Chair will be responsible for setting the agenda in coordination with City staff, for facilitating meetings, for organizing the Committee work program and subcommittees in coordination with City staff, and for signing Committee correspondence.

Candidate Statement: John Attanucci

I am interested in continuing as Chair if the Committee decides that is appropriate and desirable. I hope to bring my background as a transit analyst, planner and manager of the MIT Transit Lab to help the TAC review and comment on all things transit in Cambridge and beyond. As I have now transitioned to a part-time role at MIT, I hope to step up my volunteer analysis to support TAC deliberations over the next few years.

- Roll call to confirm



TAC Election

Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in their duties and fill in for the Chair when the Chair is absent.

Candidate Statement: Kristiana Lachiusa

I am seeking the position of vice chair this term. As a member of the Transit Advisory Committee over the last couple of years I am familiar with how this committee works. As the committee shifts towards using community engagement to inform our project feedback this year, I can use my experience and knowledge in the subject matter to help the committee create this new process. I look forward to working with you all to ensure that this committee provides meaningful, community-centered feedback to improve transit service in the City of Cambridge.

- Roll call to confirm



Seeking TAC Secretary

Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that meeting minutes and attendance records are kept.

In other committees, secretaries are not the sole note taker. Some committees do round-robin with everyone taking notes for 1 meeting. In that case, the secretary conducts roll-call at the meeting and makes sure notes follow the format.

- Will ask for a volunteer on March 3



MBTA Updates

MBTA Green Line Extension

- MBTA announced the opening of the first branch of the Green Line Extension to be Monday, March 21, 2022
 - A grand opening event is scheduled for the morning and service is planned to start in the afternoon
 - Events at both Union and Lechmere stations
 - Route 69, 80, 87, 88 buses will move to new Lechmere
 - Green Line-replacement shuttles will operate until service begins
- Service to Medford/Tufts is planned to open in Spring 2022
- GLX/MBTA have not announced a timeline for opening the Community Path Extension to North Point

MBTA Service Restorations

- A schedule change took effect on Sunday, December 19, 2021
- The next schedule change is planned for Sunday, March 13, 2022
- Service changes can be found on MBTA's website:
 - Route 71 and 73 will have diesel-hybrid buses. This means that passengers will board and alight at Harvard Upper Busway. Passengers will now pay when boarding.
 - Route 77A will also be suspended
 - Routes 69, 80, 87, and 88 will move to new Lechmere station when that station opens on March 22
 - Minor schedule changes for Routes 1, 47, 66, 68, 96, 350



MBTA Service Restorations

- More information on MBTA bus routes can be found on the pages below
- Each page has a list of routes that is grouped by types of route changes:
 - Restored routes
 - Routes with reduced service – Fewer trips/less frequency
 - Partially restored routes – Fewer trips/less frequency
 - Suspended or consolidated routes – No trips/combined routes

MBTA Schedule Changes

Table of MBTA bus routes with minor changes to schedules or fully restored

Route	Status	Terminals	Destination/Notes
1	Weekday schedule changes – 3.13.2022	Harvard to Nubian Square	Via Central, M.I.T., Back Bay, Fenway, South End, Roxbury
64	Weekday schedule changes – 12.19.2021	Kendall to Oak Square, Brighton	Via Cambridgeport, Allston
66	Weekday schedule changes – 3.13.2022	Harvard to Nubian	Via Allston, Brookline, L.M.A., Mission Hill, Roxbury
67	Restored – 8.2021	Alewife to Turkey Hill	Route 2
68	Weekday schedule changes – 3.13.2022	Lechmere to Harvard	Via Inman Square, East Cambridge, Cambridge Hospital, CRLS

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Route	Status	Terminals	Destination/Notes
69	Minor routing change with GLX – 3.21.2022	Lechmere to Harvard	Inman Square
74	Restored – 8.2020	Harvard to Belmont Center	Via Concord Avenue
75	Added Trips from Route 72 – 8.2021	Harvard to Belmont Center or to Aberdeen Avenue	Via Huron Avenue
78	Restored – 8.2020	Harvard to Arlmont	Via Concord Avenue, Route 2
80	Restored – 8.2020	Lechmere to Arlington Heights	Via East Somerville, West Medford
83	Restored – 8.2020	Central to Rindge Avenue	Via Inman Square
350	Minor routing change – 3.14.2022	Alewife to Burlington Mall	Via Route 2, Arlington Center, Winchester

MBTA Schedule Changes

Table of MBTA bus routes with partially restored schedules

Route	Status	Terminals	Destination/Notes
47	Minor schedule changes – 3.13.2022	Central Square to Broadway	Via L.M.A. and Ruggles
62	Restored in rush hours-only – 12.2021	Alewife to Bedford VA Hospital	Via Route 2, Arlington Heights, Lexington Center
76	Restored in rush hours-only – 12.2021	Alewife to Hanscom Airport	Via Route 2, Arlington Heights, Lexington Center, Marret Road
62/76	Combined during midday and weekends – 12.2021	Alewife to Bedford VA Hospital	Via Route 2, Arlington Heights, Lexington Center, Marret Road, Hanscom Airport
70	Fewer Trips – 12.2021	University Park to Waltham	Via Central Square, Watertown, Waltham Center

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Route	Status	Terminals	Destination/Notes
71	Reduced frequency – 8.31.2020	Harvard to Watertown Square	Via Mount Auburn, Hospital, East Watertown
72	Combined with Route 75 – December 2021	Harvard to Aberdeen Avenue	Via Huron Village
73	Reduced frequency – 8.31.2020	Harvard to Waverly Square, Belmont	Via Mount Auburn, Hospital, Belmont Street, Trapelo Road
77	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021	Harvard to Arlington Heights	Via Porter Square, North Cambridge, Arlington Center
77A	Suspended – 3.20.2022	Harvard to North Cambridge	Via Porter Square, North Cambridge

MBTA Bus Frequency Reductions or Suspension

Table of MBTA bus routes with continued reduced frequency or suspension

Route	Status	Terminals	Destination/Notes
79	Suspended – 3.14.2021	Alewife to Arlington Heights	Via Alewife Brook Parkway, East Arlington, Arlington Center
84	Suspended – 3.20.2022	Alewife to Arlmont	Via Route 2 Route 78 provides similar service
86	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021	Sullivan to Harvard to Reservoir	Via Union Square, Allston, Brighton Center, Cleveland Circle
87	Minor route change for GLX – 3.21.2022 Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021	Lechmere to Arlington Center	Via Union Square, Davis Square, Clarendon Hill

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88	Minor Route Change for GLX – 3.21.2022 Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021	Lechmere to Clarendon Hill	Via Highland Avenue, Davis Square
91	Additional trips – 6.2021	Central to Sullivan	Via Inman Square, Union Square
96	Minor schedule changes – 3.2022 Reduced trips – 3.2021	Harvard to Medford Square	Via Porter Square, Davis Square, and Tufts University
351	Modified for Local Service Only – 8.2021	Local: Burlington Third Street to Burlington/Billerica Route 3	
CT2	Restored with reduced service – 8.2020	Sullivan to Ruggles	Via Union Square, Kendall Square, L.M.A.,

In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Red Line Transformation	Installation of new signal equipment at Harvard, Porter, Central.	No events scheduled
Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)	MBTA to host meetings on changes required by new fare system, including: requiring each rider to have a fare card or ticket, ending "passback" trips, and a fee for fare cards	<p>Mar 15th @6pm: Public Meeting MBTA Fare Media Changes</p> <p>Mar 22nd @6pm: Public Hearing MBTA Fare Media Changes</p>



In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Alewife Garage Repairs	Acceleration of repair work. Scheduled completion Fall 2023	No events scheduled
Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation (Green Line Transformation)	99% complete. Expect completion in March 2022	No events scheduled
System-Wide Accessibility Improvements	None	No events scheduled



In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Development-related Diversions in Boston	Green Line weekend shuttles on 3/12-13 from Lechmere to Government Center	No events scheduled

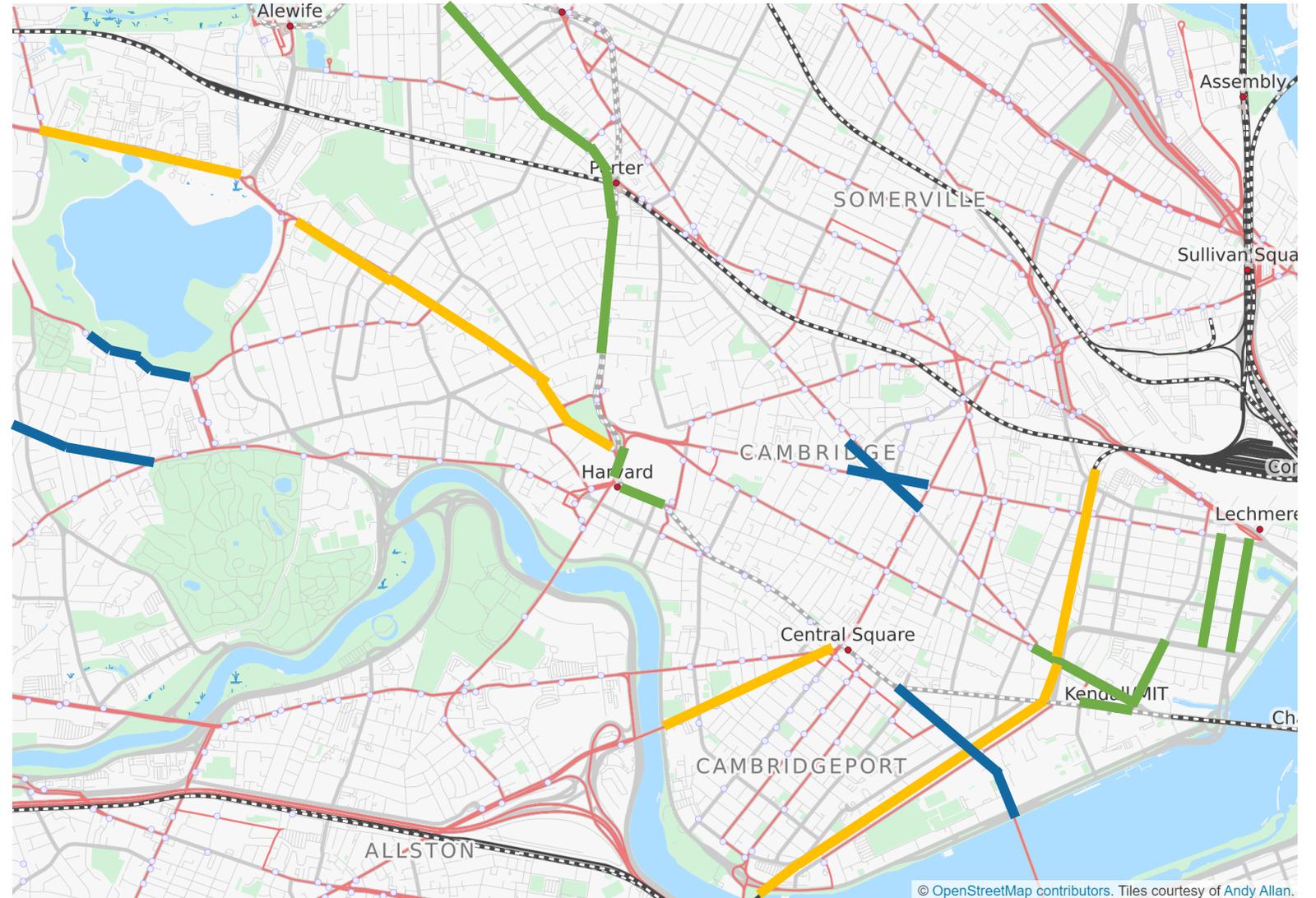
Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
Bus Network Redesign	Updates for public expected in April	No events scheduled
Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis	Draft alternatives under review	No events scheduled
Facility modernization & Bus electrification	MBTA held meeting for to update on: bus electrification, replacement service, and North Cambridge Carhouse conversion project	No events scheduled



Notes: City Updates

Selected street projects





In Progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Inman Square Reconstruction Project	Installing new storm drain connection from Inman St. to Hampshire St.	No events scheduled



Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
Belmont Street Project	To start in Spring 2022	No events scheduled
Huron Avenue – Glacken Field Project	To start in Spring 2022	No events scheduled
South Mass Ave Transit Priority Project	Implementation in spring 2022 – update when implementation timeline set	No events scheduled



In Planning and Design

Project	Update	Next public event
River Street Reconstruction Project	Finalizing designs and moving to bid in Spring 2022	No events scheduled
Grand Junction MUP Project	Ongoing review with state agencies	No events scheduled
Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority Project	Working with MBTA on procurement and design	No events scheduled



Completed

Project	Update	Next public event
North Mass. Ave (Dudley to Alewife Brook Parkway) Corridor Safety Improvements Project	Additional changes to parking/I	No events scheduled

In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
Porter Square Safety Improvements Project	1 st Community Meeting held 1/25. Planned targeted outreach to businesses Feedback survey open	Community Meeting #2 - March 15th 6pm-8pm (virtual) Pop Up Info Session – March 19th 10am-2pm (1801 Mass Ave)
MassAve4 (Waterhouse-Roseland + Beech-Dudley) Project	Draft recommendation: Partial construction	Community Meeting – March 3rd 6pm-8pm (virtual)



In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
MassAve4 (Harvard Bus Stops) + Plaza/Kiosk Construction Project	City is preparing design plans for the construction of bus boarding islands at Johnston and Holyoke Gates	March 10th 6pm-8pm (virtual)



In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
First Street & Second Street Corridor Study	Comment period closed	No events scheduled
Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led) Study	Ongoing study of bus queue jump facility and signal priority on Broadway and Third	No events scheduled
Transportation Impact Study Update Study	Study has begun. TAC presentation scheduled for March 2022	No events scheduled